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DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY  
OF U-2 PROCUREMENT  
ACTIONS SINCE SPRING  
1963

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SUMMARY OF U-2 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT  
SPRING 1963 TO PRESENT

In the spring of 1963 the DCI verbally requested two U-2's be transferred from DOD assets to bring Agency inventory up to 9 aircraft. He followed up with a memo on 21 May to which the Deputy Secretary of Defense replied affirmatively. It is apparent that DOD/JCS objections were raised, but on 11 June the decision was reaffirmed, with one aircraft scheduled for delivery on 1 July and the second on 9 September 1963.

On 24 June, at the request of Secretary of Defense, three Agency U-2's were loaned to SAC for use in Cuba. The Agency inventory reduced to five aircraft. In anticipation of a staging requirement for Sino-Indian Border coverage, AD/OSA, in late July, requested that one of the loaned aircraft be returned to the Agency. Thereupon ensued an exchange of views between the DOD and the Agency on the validity of AD/OSA's request. The round ended with one aircraft being returned to Agency control.

The acquisition in September of one of the aircraft promised in May was offset by the loss of an aircraft on a [ ] 25X1 mission. Aircraft available to the Agency remained at six. Following the loss at Key West SAC returned the remaining Agency aircraft, bringing Agency assets up to 7 aircraft.

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Commencing in January 1964, several efforts were made for replacement aircraft. One aircraft was provided for 25X1 conversion in April, but two [redacted] losses brought the inventory down to six by mid-year.

Since July two U-2's have been acquired for conversion to J-75 and one J-57 is on loan from AFFTC for test purposes for lack of operationally ready aircraft in the Agency inventory.

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RESUME OF U-2 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT ACTIONS  
SINCE SPRING 1963

| ITEM | DATE         | DOCUMENT                                       | PRECIS   | ACTION  | INVENTORY OF U-2's AVAILABLE<br>TO CIA         |
|------|--------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1.   | 21 May 1963  | Memo, DCI to Dep<br>Sec Def                    | Confirming recent tele-<br>con requesting 2 DOD U-2's<br>for J-75 configuration. | See 2 below   | 7 342, 350<br>352, 355<br>356, 358<br>359      |
| 2.   | 22 May 1963  | Note to DCI<br>from Dep Sec Def                | Agreement to above with<br>copy of Memo to SAF direct-<br>ing such transfer      | USAF directed<br>to supply air-<br>craft                          | 7  |
| 3.   | 5 June 1963  | Memo to DCI<br>from Dep Sec Def                | Statement of DOD<br>utilization of U-2's   | None required   | 7  |
| 4.   | 5 June 1963  | Memo, DCI to<br>Dep Sec Def                    | Statement of CIA<br>utilization of U-2's   | None required   | 7  |
| 5.   | 10 June 1963 | Memo, DCI<br>from DDR                          | Views on transfer of<br>U-2's to CIA   | None required   | 7  |
| 6.   | 11 June 1963 | Memo, Dep Sec Def<br>to SAF & JCS<br>Info: DCI | Reaffirming decision of<br>22 May. (See above, Item 2)                           | a/c #348 trans'rd<br>1 July 1963. a/c<br>362 sked for 9 Sept. '63 | 8 342, 348<br>350, 352<br>355, 356<br>358, 359 |
| 7.   | 24 June 1963 | Memo, DDCI<br>From AD/OSA                      | Quotes [redacted] trans-<br>ferring 3 CIA U-2's to<br>SAC for Cuba coverage      | a/c 350, 356, 359 to<br>SAC, 25 July 1963                         | 5  |

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| 8.  | 23 July 1963   | Memo, DDR<br>From AD/OSA            | Retention of one of<br>the three U-2's loaned<br>to SAC                          | See Item 9<br>below                                  | 5 |
| 9.  | 24 July 1963   | Memo, DDR<br>to AD/OSA              | Result of Item 8 presenta-<br>tion to A/DCI's staff meet-<br>ing                 | Prepare a staff<br>study for DDCI                    | 5 |
| 10. | 26 July 1963   | Memo, DCI<br>from DDR               | Requests DCI ask Sec Def<br>for return of U-2's from<br>SAC                      | DDCI to handle<br>matter                             | 5 |
| 11. | 16 August 1963 | Memo to DNRO<br>from Dir, Program B | Requests recall of U-2's<br>from SAC   |  | 5 |
| 12. | 19 August 1963 | Memo to DCI<br>from Dep Sec Def     | Transmitting JRC views on<br>CIA's need for J-75 a/c<br>for Sino-Indian coverage | Suggests DCI- Dep<br>Sec Def discussion<br>of matter | 5 |
| 13. | 21 August 1963 | Memo to DDCI<br>from AD/OSA         | Reasons why J-57 a/c would<br>not be advisable for Sino-<br>Indian coverage      | None required  | 5 |
| 14. | 22 August 1963 | Memo from DDCI<br>to DD/S&T         | Result of DCI-Dep Sec Def<br>discussions, return one U-2<br>to CIA               | One a/c returned<br>CIA, 30 August 1963              | 6 |

SEE ITEM 6

One a/c trans-  
ferred from DOD to  
CIA (#362) 9 Sept 1963

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15. 18 October 1963 Memo to DCI Analysis of SAC None required 7  
from DD/S&T and CIA U-2's

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AIRCRAFT LOST [redacted] 30 OCTOBER 1963

6 342, 348  
350, 352  
356, 358  
359, 362

16. 18 November 1963 Memo, DCI to Request two remaining None required 6  
Dep Sec Def U-2's be returned from  
SAC

See Item 17 below

6 352, 342  
348, 356  
358, 359  
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AIRCRAFT LOST, KEY WEST, 20 NOVEMBER 1963

17. 20 November 1963 Memo to DCI JCS instructed to return None required 7  
from Dep Sec Def last U-2 to CIA  
a/c returned  
23 November 1963

18. 6 January 1964 Memo to DCI Requests DCI ask DOD for None required 7  
from DD/S&T replacement a/c for loss  
at Key West (Also reviews  
engine inventory)

DCI signs letter  
See 18 below

19. 9 January 1964 Memo from DCI to Requests DOD replace None required 7  
Dep Sec Def lost a/c  
(Gilpatrick)

20. 4 March 1964 Memo to AD/OSA Re CIA-DOD equipment loan None required 7  
from PS/OSA agreement

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21. 12 March 1964 Memo, DCI to Reiterates request of One a/c earmarked  
Dep Sec Def (Vance) Item 19, above for transfer

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AIRCRAFT LOST, [REDACTED] 22 MARCH 1964

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a/c #349 transferred to LAC  
10 April 1964

7 342, 348  
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22. 3 June 1964 Memo to DCI Request for two U-2's Letter not signed  
from AD/OSA from USAF to CIA w/letter  
for DCI's signature

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AIRCRAFT LOST, [REDACTED] 7 JULY 1964

6 342, 348  
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358, 359

23. 25X1 28 July 1964 [REDACTED] to SAC Transfer U-2 #385 to \* 3 August 1964 to  
CIA CIA

7 342, 348  
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24. 30 July 1964 [REDACTED] to LAC Convert #385  
to J-75

8 342, 348  
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358, 359

25. 10 August 1964 [REDACTED] to LAC Convert #382 \* 10 August 1964  
to J-75 to CIA

8 342, 348  
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382, 385

26. 5 August 1964 In addition to the above, CIA presently has on loan from AFFTC U-2 #368A

\* How U-2's 385 and 382 were procured is unknown.

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